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HOME (SPECIAL SECTION) DEPARTMENT

ORDER

The 16th February, 2023

S.R.O. No.92/2023 — Whereas the State Government are satisfied that in the interest of Public, it is necessary to prohibit strikes in the form of cessation of work or unauthorized absence from duty by the Veterinary Doctors, Livestock Inspectors, Paravets, other Class-III and Class-IV employees etc. including contractual employees in services/ engagements connected with maintenance of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry services in Government Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries in the State like District Veterinary Hospitals, Sub-Divisional Veterinary Hospitals, Veterinary Dispensaries, Mobile Veterinary Units, Livestock Aid Centers, Disease Diagnostic Laboratories, Govt. Livestock and Fodder Farms, Frozen Semen Banks, Biological Product Institutes and all other institutions under the Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services receiving funds from the State Government, so that Veterinary Service and Animal Husbandry delivery system in the State is not affected/disrupted;

And, whereas, as per Section 2 (b) of the Odisha Essential Services (Maintenance) Act, 1988 strike means the cessation of work by a body of persons employed/ engaged in any essential service acting in combination or a concerted refusal or a refusal under a common understanding of any number of persons who are or have been so employed/ engaged to continue to work or to accept employment and includes unauthorised absence from duty in pursuance of a common understanding among the persons who unauthorisedly absent themselves from duty or under the direction of any other person or persons.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred by sub-clause (ix) of clause (a) of Section 2 of the Odisha Essential Services (Maintenance) Amendment Act, 2020 (Odisha Act 1 of 2021), the State Government do hereby declare the above services as 'Essential Service' for the purpose of the said Act and in exercise of the power conferred by

sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Odisha Essential Services (Maintenance) Act, 1988 (Odisha Act 9 of 1992) do hereby prohibit strikes in the aforesaid services.

The order shall remain in force for a period of six months with effect from the date of issue.

[No.170—HOME-SPL3-MISC-0051/2021/C.]

By Order of Governor

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